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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF USE OF CESSNAS IN RHODESIA

REF: MAPUTO I533

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OR INDIRECT EXPORT OF ANY VERSION OF THIS AIRCRAFT TO RHODESIA. ANY SUCH EXPORT, EITHER OF THE AIRCRAFT OR ITS PARTS, IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL SANCTIONS ON TRADE WITH RHODESIA. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAS BEEN A

VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW OR REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING EXPORT LICENSES AND FOR ENFORCING EXPORT CONTROLS ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT PARTS, HAS INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION. IF EVIDENCE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SANCTIONS REGULATIONS IS ESTABLISHED, APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN. VANCE

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